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Wheat Pool Booth at Calgary Exhibition

The Alberta Wheat Pool maintained booths at the Calgary and Edmonton Exhibitions. The above picture shows the booth at the Calgary Exhibition. A considerable number of Pool members visited the booth. It occupied the dual functions of a rest room and information bureau.

The miniature elevator placed on top of the booth was built by C. M. Micklin and Chas. Hager, Pool elevator operators, for the High River U.F.A. Local, and was first used on a float which formed part of the U.F.A. exhibit in the High River Dominion Day celebration. It is complete in every detail, even to the box car being loaded alongside.

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EDITORIAL

THE OTTAWA JOURNAL OVERLOOKS ALBERTA

Since evidence was given on oath before the Royal Customs Commission to the effect that between 1923 and 1926 $386,608 had been contributed "for political purposes . . . to both political parties", there has been an awakening of the public conscience to the evils which have grown out of the traditional methods of financing political activities.

The *Ottawa Journal*, while defending the party system confesses that "when evidence tends to show that liquor exporters, some of them operating under dubious auspices, and with doubtful legal right, contribute large sums of money to both parties, then, clearly, something is wrong."

The *Journal* goes on to declare: "No candidate can run for Parliament in any riding in Canada today without spending at least $3000. Many candidates, faced with peculiar conditions, or particularly strong opposition, spend from ten to twenty thousand. Mr. Marler admitted that it cost him $45,000 to beat Mr. Ballantyne in Montreal in 1921." But in addition to the candidate's expenses there are, says this paper, in addition, "headquarters expenses, costs of organizers, national advertising in newspapers; salaries for writers of pamphlets and leaflets, stiff contracts for printing; wages for thousands of clerical workers; postage that takes thousands of dollars."

In stating that "no candidate can run for Parliament in Canada without spending at least $3,000," the *Journal* has overlooked Alberta, the one Province in which the party system has been definitely rejected.

We are in receipt of the returns of election expenses in eleven of the twelve seats contested by the organized farmers in the Federal General election of 1926. From the remaining one we hope to receive returns at an early date in order to complete our records. In the eleven of which we have record the average election expenses, including advertising and halls, etc., and the candidate's personal expenses, was $771.49. The candidate's personal expenses formed as a rule a mere bagatelle. In the 1925 election the expenditures in 10 constituencies totalled $8,740.82, or an average of $728.82.

The organized farmers of Alberta do not need to be told in the words of the *Ottawa Journal*, that if money for the carrying on of political activities "does not come from people who are interested in politics for the country's sake, it is bound to come from people who are interested in politics for their own sakes." They discovered that some years ago. And they discovered, too, that there is only one way of making the large party funds derived from interested but unknown sources ineffective. That way is to provide their own funds to finance their own machinery to elect men whom they control, for the purpose of carrying out their own policies. And that, as experience has shown, is the cheapest as well as the only efficient way.

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AN AMBASSADOR'S INDISCRETION

Some months before the outbreak of the first world war, at a time when the clouds were beginning to gather but before the Serbian episode, Sir Edward (now Earl) Grey took an English audience into his confidence and confessed that statemanship alone was incapable of preventing an international catastrophe; that nothing but the action of the great masses of the working people, their refusal to engage in fratricidal strife, could save Europe. When the time came, of course, statesmanship and the common people alike failed.

Within the past few weeks the courageous and exceptional Ambassador of the United States to Great Britain, Alanson B. Houghton, in a speech before the Alumni Association of Harvard University, uttered a warning closely paralleling that allusive appeal of the British Foreign Minister more than thirteen years ago. The Ambassador's speech was apparently regarded as an "indiscretion", like his speech of last year frankly discussing conditions in Europe; for it was boycotted by almost all the leading United States newspapers and apparently also by the great press associations. Consequently, it did not reach the Canadian newspapers. If Mr. Houghton had merely spoken platitudes, his words would doubtless have been blazoned forth on the front pages of newspapers throughout the continent for the Ambassador to Great Britain is the most important of United States foreign representatives. Mr. Houghton expressed the opinion, and supported his opinion by arguments drawn from long experience, that the power to declare war is the one power that the people should deny to governments. He absolutely refused to accept the theory that war is inevitable because human nature is what it is, and insisted that there is no reason for the belief that if the power of peace or war were in the hands of the populations, they would choose to fight.

In the face of the apparent failure of the tri-partite conference of admirals and statesmen at Geneva, to provide any assurance that the mad race in armaments will be checked, these pronouncements by two of the world's most eminent statesmen, attain a high significance. Neither in land nor in sea armaments, not in the air, nor in the development of the art of mass poisoning, is there any sign of slackening competition. The competition is not between any two groups of powers but between several, and future alignments are uncertain. What is certain, however, is that the economic and political policy which culminated in the last war is being resumed, and that there is apparently no organized force in the world today powerful enough to check it. Can the power to which Grey appealed more than thirteen years ago, and to which Houghton would appeal today, be effectively mobilized?

NEWS OF THE ORGANIZATION

Activities of U.F.A. Locals and District Associations and Information from Central Office—Items on Co-operation

MRS. GUNN AT NAMAKA

"On Tuesday evening, July 12th, members of the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. of Namaka and district had the pleasure of hearing Mrs. R. B. Gunn, president of the U.F.W.A." says a report from Harvey Easson, Namaka. "Mrs. Gunn spoke nearly an hour and a half, although it did not seem long to those who heard her, as her address was very interesting. She dealt with education, immigration, and what the organization has accomplished. Mrs. T. M. Carlson, U.F.W.A. Director for Lethbridge constituency, was visiting in the Gleichen district and drove over. She also spoke a few words, as did Mrs. J. C. Buckley, U.F.W.A. Director for Bow River, and J. C. Buckley, M.L.A. Mrs. Jim McLean, president of Namaka U.F.W.A. Local, occupied the chair. Mrs. Jack McLean served lunch."

NEED STRONG MEMBERSHIP WITH AMPLE FUNDS

"Let us be true fellow workers, each doing his best to fill the niche which he or she occupies," writes A. Lunan, Director for Vegreville, in the course of a circular letter to all officers and members of the U.F.A., U.F.W.A. and Junior Locals in the constituency urging concentration on the work of building up the Association in all its branches and extending its usefulness. "We have, without exception, the greatest organization in the world," adds Mr. Lunan. "We have something that we may well be proud of and if the rank and file will but do their share you will find the Central Board ever ready and willing to take full advantage of the backing you give us. . . . We need a strong membership with ample funds in order to reap the benefits of organization."

FINE FARMERS' HALL AT BELLIS

"Our Bellis Local is getting into a real good movement in organization," writes J. G. Huculak, Secretary, in the course of a letter to Central Office. Mr. Huculak's letter announced the date of the Whitford U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Convention, July 23th, but unfortunately the announcement was too late for publication in our last issue. "The Convention," said Mr. Huculak, "will be held in our own Labor-Farmer new hall at Bellis. . . . The hall when completed will be one of the finest and largest Farmers' halls on the St. Paul line. The building of this hall is the result of the U.F.A. members' activities since last November 8th, when a group of nationalists at Bellis, who own a small hall here, refused to rent it to us for the purpose of holding a U.F.A. meeting when Mrs. Gunn was the speaker."

DELBURNE GETS RECRUITS

"The most successful picnic Delburne Local has ever held" writes David G. S. Thomson, secretary, "was that of July 1st last. The gross receipts were in excess of $600; after paying all expenses of prizes and treats for the children, and dividing the proceeds of the dance which followed the picnic with the Junior Local, a gratifying amount was left for the senior Local. Our treasury had got into a somewhat depleted state owing to the financial strain involved by the series of elections held the previous year; however, we are now well away financially. I also wish to report a gratifying increase in membership; we have a number of new members who had not previously taken much interest in U.F.A. affairs."

Mr. Thompson also reports that a recent meeting was attended by a deputation of Juniors, and that the formation of a U.F.A. dramatic club was the result. It was decided to ask the Junior Local to send a deputation to every meeting of the U.F.A. Local and to try to arrange a joint meeting with the Juniors once in three months.

ALL U.F.A. MEMBERS RE-SIGN

"At the last meeting of the Tresland U.F.A. Local," writes the secretary, G. B. Arden, "All the members re-signed for the Wheat Pool, which is very satisfactory. Mr. Wylie gave us an interesting discussion on the K.D. & B.C. railroad, and Mr. McLean spoke about the advantages of joining the Pool."

WESTLING U.F.A. HOLDS MOST SUCCESSFUL PICNIC

Over three hundred people attended the U.F.A. picnic at Westling on Friday, July 22nd. The farmers and their families met in the morning and spent the entire day enjoying a program which included everything from a tug-of-war to a baby competition. The picnic was advertised for Wednesday but had to be postponed on account of rain. Had the weather on Wednesday been favorable the attendance would have been much larger.

Mr. Haskins, who had charge of the picnic, deserves a great deal of credit for the splendid attendance at the picnic. Following the sports program, which included many novel features, such as two 300 lb. men endeavoring and failing to pull a pair of overalls apart, Wm. Irvine, M.P. for the Wetaskiwin constituency, gave a very brief account of the last Parliament; Mrs. D. J. Christie, Director of the U.F.W.A. for the Wetaskiwin district was then introduced but declined to make any remarks. The next speaker was A. Cairns of the Department of Education of the Wheat Pool, who gave a brief account of the Pool's activities since its inception up to date. After the Pool talk many farmers gathered around and spent an hour and a half asking questions regarding the Wheat Pool and discussing the co-operative movement in Alberta.

If every community in Alberta had a U.F.A. Local approaching the one at Westling, the Pool would undoubtedly be very much stronger than it is today. The picnic was a splendid example of community spirit and co-operation and of what can be done when a group of men set their minds to a problem.

COMBINED REAPER-THRESHER

"The Combined Reaper-Thresher in Western Canada" is the title of a pamphlet published by the Federal Department of Agriculture. J. K. Mackenzie, B.S.A., is the author, and the pamphlet gives results of experiments at the Swift Current Experimental Farm, together with a summary of reports made by owners of these machines.

CO-OPERATIVES ARE FRIEND IN NEED TO BRITISH MINERS

(Co-operative News Service)

The extent of the financial aid rendered by the British co-operative movement to the locked out miners last year has just recently been estimated. Through its special miners' relief fund the Co-operative Union raised about $160,000; and it distributed more than $222,000 in relief coupons which were exchangeable for food in co-operative stores. In addition, the local co-operatives contributed nearly $200,000, and made gifts of food and clothing valued at more than $400,000. Besides this, the co-operative societies, on trade-union security, supplied their members with goods to the value of more than $500,000, and granted additional credit to the amount of $1,500,000.

Macleod Convention

Federal U.F.A. Convention Urges That Right To Appeal Against Mistaken Vote Be Made Effective

At the recent annual convention of the Macleod U.F.A. Federal Constituency Association, held in Macleod on July 18th, Stephen Lunn was re-elected president and W. H. Shield, M. L. A., vice-president of the association. The executive will consist of a representative from the U.F.A. and one from the U.F.W.A. in each Provincial constituency included in the Federal riding.

After an address of welcome from Mayor McDonald of Macleod, the secretary, H. F. Spencer, of Parkland, presented his annual reports, including the financial statement which showed a satisfactory cash balance.

"Come In—Peg In—Stay In"

"Come in—peg in—stay in" was the motto of the U.F.A., said Mr. Lunn in the course of his annual address. He discussed the necessity of continued organization work, and referred also to the work accomplished by the U.F.A. Federal Members of Parliament.

A short address by W. H. Shield, M.L.A., dealt chiefly with the Workmen's Compensation Act, and the position of farmers in relation to the act. Mr. Shield supported the movement to have farmers included in the act.

Identity of Group Maintained

In commencing his address G. G. Coote, M.P., referred briefly to the splendid work of the secretary, especially during the 1926 election campaign. Mr. Coote spoke of the resolution passed by

the previous convention, urging that the U.F.A. Members of the Federal House should retain their identity as a group. This had been done, he said, and moreover the U.F.A. group was the third largest in the House. They were willing to support legislation which would benefit farmers and the country at large. Among those bills which the U.F.A. group had opposed as being contrary to these aims was the Georgian Bay canal bill, because they did not believe that canals should be owned by private corporations. Mr. Coote dealt in some detail with the Old Age Pensions Act, the amendment to the Canada Grain Act giving farmers the right to name the terminal elevator they wished their grain shipped to, and the amendment to the Livestock Act compelling livestock dealers and co-operative companies to open their books for examination by officials of the Department.

The delegates passed a special vote of thanks to Mr. Coote for his address and for his work at Ottawa.

The following resolutions were carried:

"That this Convention urge upon the Board of Grain Commissioners that the right of shippers to appeal against the inspector's decision in regard to moisture content of grain be brought into effect immediately."

"That this convention urge upon the Dominion Government that their approval of plans of the Calgary Power Company, to cross private lines with power lines should not be given unless the consent of the owner has first been obtained, excepting where the pole line parallels a road allowance or railroad right-of-way."

Another resolution urged the Dominion Government to eradicate a patch of new thistles on the banks of the Old Man River.

Alexandra Annual Convention

At the Seventh Annual Convention of the Alexandra U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Provincial Constituency Association, which was held on July 14th, there were 13 delegates present and about 30 visitors.

F. J. Enzenauer, M.L.A., presented his report dealing with the work accomplished by the Government since the election. He regretted the scanty attendance at the meeting, and warned those present to be on guard against the apathy frequently induced by prosperous times. He urged the delegates to be unwearying in their efforts to stimulate and maintain in the Locals that interest in public affairs which is essential, if we are to continue to progress as satisfactorily as we have done during the past few years.

Officers for 1927-28 were elected as follows: President, A. B. Wood; Vice-president, Mrs. S. C. Harrington; Directors: D. W. McKenzie, G. Castell, W. H. Gordon, J. H. Abel, C. T. Skinner and J. Tough.

TO PUBLISH NEW HEALTH BULLETIN

A bulletin is being prepared under the direction of Hon. George Hoadley, Minister of Health, on the subject of summer infections and will be available for distribution shortly. Typhoid and intestinal infections in children are the two troubles which will be chiefly emphasized and attention to both by way of preventive measures is urged upon those particularly who are holidaying during the summer.

Dues Should Be Remitted to Central Without Delay

Prompt Mailing of Dues in Accordance With Constitution Will Assist in Maintaining Efficiency

Attention of the Locals is drawn to Section 10, Paragraph 4 of the Constitution which states that *the Local shall make payment of all membership dues owing to the Association promptly, and at least once every three months.* Our records show that this practice has not been followed in many instances by the secretaries, and we have been informed that some of the secretaries have monies on hand but are waiting to collect further dues before remitting to Central.

Section 10, Paragraph 12, definitely sets forth that "a Local six months in arrears for dues to the Association shall stand suspended without action of the Central Office, and the name of the Local shall be published in the official organ of the Association."

The work of your Central Organization must be planned and carried out in accordance with the funds available from Locals, and if these are not remitted until the close of the year, the year's work is liable to be handicapped. It will help Central considerably if dues are collected early and remittance made in accordance with the Constitution.

Members can also help the Association and the Local Secretary by paying their membership fees as early as possible. *Don't wait to be asked for your dues. Help your secretary by sending him at once or paying up at the next meeting any dues owing the Association.*

We ask your co-operation in the matter of paying and remitting of dues promptly, and while this may be a busy time, your Organization is well worth the effort needed.

Coming Conventions of Constituency Associations

LITTLE BOW AUGUST 6th

To all U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. members in Little Bow:

"The Little Bow U.F.A. Constituency Association will hold its annual convention on Saturday afternoon, August 6th, in Carmangay. Aside from the regular routine business, there will be speaking by the Hon. O. L. McPherson and probably another of the cabinet ministers. It is the wish of the Association that not only the members, but the public in general take part in the discussions and ask questions."

Very truly yours,

Barons, Alta. M. RENKENBERGER

CAMROSE FEDERAL AUGUST 9th

To U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals in Camrose Federal Constituency:

Dear Secretary:

The Camrose Federal Constituency Association will hold its annual convention in the U.F.A. Rooms at Camrose on Tuesday, August 9th, at 10:30 a.m.

Hon. V. W. Smith, W. T. Lucas, M.P., A. G. Andrews, M.L.A. and A. L. Sanders, M.L.A., will address the Convention.

Representation will be on the basis of one delegate for every ten or major portion of ten U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. members in good standing who have paid their dues of 50 cents per member to this Association. All Locals whose dues have not already been sent in kindly see they are forwarded to Central Office as soon as possible.

The Directors of this Association are extremely desirous that every Local shall have full representation at this Convention.

Business to come before the Convention is the adoption of a Constitution;

To study the financial state of the Association;

To elect officers for 1927 and any other business to come before this Convention that may be brought up.

Yours respectfully,

F. GRANDAGE,

Longhood, Alta. *Secretary-Treasurer.*

BOW VALLEY AUGUST 5th

To all U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Members in Bow Valley Constituency:

The Executive of your Bow Valley Provincial Constituency Association have made arrangements for a Convention of the Association to be held on August 5th, 1927, in the I.O.O.F. Hall at Bassano, starting at 2:30 p.m. There will be an afternoon and evening meeting.

Considering the heavy dues that were levied on our members for our campaign last year the Executive thought 25 cents per member would be fair dues for 1927.

Each Local is entitled to one delegate for each ten paid up members in the Association, and the delegates are requested to turn in the dues for the members from their Local at the time they register at the Convention.

Arrangements are being made for the best of speakers. We will have with us the Hon. R. G. Reid and we also hope to have with us J. C. Buckley, M.L.A. of Gleichen and other prominent U.F.A. men.

The success of this Convention rests with you. Get busy! Bring in a 100% membership from your Local, and send one delegate for each ten paid up members, doing your share to make August 5th a big day and our Constituency Association stronger than ever.

A cordial invitation is extended to all U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. members.

Yours for a successful convention.

LORENA HALL,

Bassano, Alta. Secretary.

PULP ACTIVITIES AT HIGH RIVER

July has been a particularly busy month as regards U.F.A. activities at High River. On July first the U.F.W.A. Local took first place in the Confederation parade, with their artistic float depicting World Peace, the U.F.A. securing second place, this float representing the Alberta Wheat Pool.

On July 4th an unusually large and interesting meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Sheely, with Mrs. E. Randle assisting hostess. This meeting took the form of a "farewell" to one of our oldest and most active members, Mrs. Driver, who was leaving to make her

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U.F.A. Central Board at Summer Session Deals With Important Problems of Agriculture

Early Operation of Farm Loans Plan Recommended—Regulations on Hog Grading—Alberta Government Asked to Approach Other Western Governments with a View to Joint Representations to Tariff Commission in Consumers' Behalf—Nominees to Grain Standards Board—Healthy Growth of Junior Branch.

Following the presentation of a report on the subject of the Tariff Advisory Board appointed by the Dominion Government to take evidence upon tariff matters, the U. F. A. Central Board, at the summer meeting held in Calgary, July 6th to 8th, recommended that the Alberta Government get in touch with the Governments of Saskatchewan and Manitoba, "with a view of having them provide the necessary representation before the said Tariff Board to look after the interests of the consumers."

The resolution pointed out that various interests are formally represented before the Board, seeking increases of tariff rates to the detriment of the consumers of Alberta.

Greetings were extended by the U.F.A. Board to the Congress of the Co-operative Union of Canada, in Saskatoon on July 29th.

THE NEW FARM LOANS ACT.

The Banking and Credit Committee (Messrs. A. P. Aitken, J. A. Johanson and J. K. Sutherland) in the course of their report, which was adopted by the Board, expressed satisfaction in the enactment of the Canadian Farm Loans Act.

> **"We are glad to be able to note," read the report, "that the long period of educational work carried on by our Organization in this direction has at last met with a measure of success . . . The U.F.A. has always taken a leading and progressive stand on all questions relating to rural credits, farm loans, etc., and many of the improved credit facilities which we are now enjoying and which we will further enjoy in the future, are the result of the activities of our organization in this direction."**

It was recommended that the necessary Provincial Legislation be introduced at the first session of the Alberta Legislature, in order that the new act may be brought into operation. "With a sincere desire for the successful operation in Alberta of the Canadian Farm Loans Act," the report concluded, "your committee would most strongly urge upon this Board the vital necessity of having the United Farmers of Alberta consulted in regard to the appointment of at least one member of the Provincial Board (to administer the act in Alberta) as we believe that the borrowers who will ultimately pay for all the successes or failures involved in the operation of the act are certainly entitled to at least this much representation."

Mr. Steele was appointed fraternal delegate to the convention of the Canadian Legion of the British Empire Service League.

Mr. Scholefield reported that the matter of U.F.A. broadcasting had been taken up, and that brief periods commencing at 1 p.m. were available at a moderate fee. The matter was left in the hands of the Executive to take such action as they find feasible.

FARMERS AND COMPENSATION ACT

A letter from F. Hanson of Entwistle, suggesting the desirability of the U.F.A. working for a Farmers' Compensation Act was the subject of discussion. After various aspects of the Workmen's Compensation Act had been discussed, the matter was referred to Mr. Scholefield to investigate and report.

Following the reading of a letter from Grimshaw Local in which the opinion was expressed that editorials on the Chinese and Russian questions in *The U.F.A.* would create an anti-British feeling, the Board adopted a resolution on motion of Messrs. Sutherland and Ewing, to the effect that in its opinion the editorial policy of *The U.F.A.* was in no way anti-British, and that the editorials referred to were in the nature of plain statement of truth rather than propaganda.

HOGS CRIPPLED IN UNLOADING

A resolution from Hanley to Grainger U.F.A. District Association dealt with the large number of hogs that are crippled in unloading from wagons at country railway stockyards and asked the Board to take up with the proper authorities the question of having suitable unloading facilities provided at all these stockyards. The Board directed that the Co-operative Committee deal with this matter.

At the request of the Board of Grain Commissioners, the U.F.A. Board recommended the three following to represent the producers on the Grain Standards Board: T. O. King Raymond; G. Bennett, Manville; C. C. Wager, Federal, these being also recommended by the Board of the Alberta Wheat Pool.

Messrs. Lunn and Reed were appointed a committee to consider the proposed new regulations on hog grading which had been submitted by the Federal Department of Agriculture for approval of the U.F.A. and other interested organizations. The committee reported that they were in accord with the proposed new sub-section (a) of Regulation 11 under the Livestock and Livestock Products Act. This sub-section provides that a specific mark shall be placed on each farmer's lot of hogs in each shipment when two or more lots of farmers' hogs are offered for grading, and that a shipper's manifest showing the name of the farmer, number of hogs shipped, and their mark shall be presented to the hog grader at the stockyard or abattoir to which the hogs are shipped. The committee also reported that they failed to see any protection for the producer in sub-section (b) which provides that when hogs are graded locally in accordance with official grades, by the drover or shipper, the mark of hogs will not be required when settlement is made to the farmer on the basis of official grades and shipper's grading manifest is made out showing the farmer's name, number of hogs sold and the grading for each farmer's lot.

The Board voted to adopt this report and to forward it to the Minister of Agriculture.

On the afternoon of July 8th the Boards of the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. met in joint session.

A splendid report on education was presented by Mrs. Gunn in behalf of the Education Committee, and adopted by the Board. During the course of the discussion, Mrs. Gunn gave an account of new ideas in education which are commanding attention.

JUNIORS SHOW HEALTHY GROWTH

As chairman of the Senior Committee on Junior Work, Mr. Scholefield reported that the Juniors are stronger than they were in 1926, and he urged all directors to speak in support of the Junior Conference at all their meetings in the country.

A resolution from the Junior Conference asking that the Board, with the advice and help of the Senior Committee, endeavor to have the Conference held in future during the summer holidays, was endorsed, the Board deciding to take what action they can to have this change made.

Mrs. Gunn and Mrs. Watt spoke briefly on the work of the Juniors. President Wood declared that he had been able to spend a longer time than usual at the Junior Conference this year. He had been very pleased with the manner in which the Juniors were working, and also with the good work done by their President since the Convention. In his opinion the condition of the Juniors was very healthy.

PROPOSE JUNIORS SEND DELEGATES TO CONVENTION

After the presentation of a recommendation of the Executive, to the effect that the Juniors be allowed one delegate from each Local to attend the U.F.A. Annual Convention with full powers, a resolution to this effect was adopted on motion of Messrs. Lunan and Critchlow, and it was directed that the necessary constitutional amendment be prepared and submitted to the next Annual Convention.

The report of the Organization Committee, signed by Messrs. McDaniel, Lunn and Aitken, dealt with the work carried on since the last meeting of the Board and showed that in addition to other activities, three bulletins—one on income tax, one on the bankruptcy act and one on banking and credit—had been sent out. It was hoped that strong pressure could be brought to bear against any further decrease in the income tax. The bulletin on the Bankruptcy Act was for the purpose of removing the general ignorance of the procedure to be followed under the terms of the act. Answers to the questionnaire on Banking and Credit will be published at a later date. The committee announced that in future the practice of sending the bulletins out in

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The Peace River Country

Impressions Formed on a Recent Tour Through the North

Until the tour of the legislators' special train provided an opportunity a month ago to visit the Peace River country, the great new empire which is rapidly being developed by the farmers of the north was to the writer almost an unknown quantity. Statistics of increasing agricultural production, debates in the legislature on the northern railway problem, descriptive booklets, and the map, can convey but a meagre conception of the nature of the country which may be the last wheat growing area to be opened up in North America. To realize the significance of the Peace River country it must be seen.

The party of approximately 60 persons, including five Cabinet Ministers and many other members of the Legislature, newspapermen and others, obtained during the course of a ten days' tour covering some 1,500 miles by automobile, an understanding of the problems of the north which will stand them in good stead in days to come, and a sufficient knowledge of the people who are building up the new communities to bring conviction that nowhere in the Province is a sounder basis being laid for the finest type of Canadianism. A considerable number of members had been in the northern settlements before. To those who were making their first visit the tour was a revelation.

GOVERNMENT OPERATION OF RAILWAY APPROVED

It is probably safe to say that every member of the party returned from the Peace River convinced that the time is not far distant when the railway system, taken over by the Alberta Government and now being steadily improved, will be sought in keen competition by the two transcontinental railway systems. During the course of the tour the writer heard many comments upon the action of the Government in taking over the line. This action seems to have been universally approved, and while, as in various other Alberta communities, there is of course a strong and legitimate desire for railway extensions, the settlers feel that they can be assured of the very best service now that the owner of the E.D. & B.C. is also the operator.

The special train consisted of two sleepers and a diner provided by the Canadian National Railways, the private car of John Callaghan, Deputy Minister of Railways and General Manager of the Alberta lines owned by the Provincial Government, and the private car of General Superintendent Brown of the C.N.R. The party left Edmonton on the morning of June 19th, stopping for a short time at High Prairie and travelling on the southern branch of the system to Sexsmith. From Sexsmith the party was taken by car to the Smoky river, and thence north again to Grande Prairie, thence by train to Wembley; thence by car through Rio Grande to the experimental farm at Beaver Lodge, and on to Peace Coupe and Pulpe in the "Peace River Bloc," beyond the British Columbia boundary. A drive through the Norwegian settlement at Valhalla and Northfeld and thence again to the railway at Sexsmith completed another day of the tour, and after an all night journey the party detrained at Whitelaw, terminus of the northern branch of the system, and again was conveyed by car 20 miles to Waterhole. On the return journey the party were taken as guests from the town of Peace River up the river by the steamer D. A. Thomas to the Shaftesbury mission.

THE QUESTION OF TRANSPORTATION

At every important stop on the journey the visitors were most hospitably entertained, and at a number of banquets, some of them arranged by ladies of the U.F.A., there were opportunities to gain first hand from the settlers themselves much valuable knowledge of the northern areas. It was quite apparent that the problem of transportation, in the minds of the people of the Peace River country, is the predominant one. There is, however, a general recognition of the fact that the provision of an outlet to the Pacific is primarily a national responsibility. The Peace River country has shipped of the 1926 crop, approximately 6,000,000 bushels of grain, and if crop prospects are fulfilled, there will be a very substantial increase this season. The settlers hope soon to attain to the 10,000,000 bushels production which, according to the transcontinental railway authorities, will make the provision of a Pacific coast outlet worthy of serious consideration.

A steady influx of population is taking place, and the area under cultivation is increasing, with remarkable rapidity.

A description of some of the places visited of the characteristics of the various communities, and other impressions of this important portion of the Province, are deferred to later issues.

This, however, is worthy of note in passing. There is everywhere in Peace River country, so far as could be judged, a very great enthusiasm for the Wheat Pool. In the Peace Coupe country several of the farmers estimated that 90 per cent of the wheat land was signed up in the Alberta Wheat Pool, while in community after community which the writer visited, he was informed that by far the greater number of the farmers were members of the Pool. —W.N.S.

FIVE DISTRICT EXHIBITS SHOWN

Eight districts in the central and northern part of the Province were represented by splendid exhibits of their agricultural products at the Edmonton Exhibition. Included in the very attractively arranged displays were grains and grasses, fodder crops and vegetables, fruits, honey, wool and eggs, all being products of the farms in the district represented.

On a basis of a total of 300 points the awards made by the judges were as follows: 1. Lacombe, 261 points, winning $150; 2. Sedgewick, 244 points, winning $125; 3. Veggeville, 241½ points, winning $100; 4. Ponoka, 231 points, winning $80; 5. Wetaskiwin, 226½ points, winning $75; 6. Vermilion, 213½ points, winning $60; 7. Leduc, 211 points, winning $40; and 8. Athabasca, 203 points, winning $30. Only four exhibits were shown in this competition last year.

Look Over Combine Machinery Before Harvest Comes

J. J. Strang Believes It Will Pay Farmers To Look Over Valuable New Attachments

"Farmers who plan to buy new machinery for use in this season's harvesting operations would be well advised to consider first the advantages of some of the most recent improvements in this class of machinery," said J. J. Strang, of Chersholm, in an interview with The U.F.A. recently. "By doing so I believe they will be able in many cases to avoid tying up money in machinery which cannot serve their purposes as well as the improved machinery now on the market."

Mr. Strang called attention in particular to the attachments which have just been placed on the market for use in conjunction with the "combine harvester." One of these is the "stook pickup attachment." Grain may be cut before it is dead ripe and left in stook in the usual way, and later the pickup attachment can be used and the grain thus threshed by the combine harvester. Another improvement is the "header attachment" which places the grain in windrows. The grain can then be picked up and threshed from the windrows by the combine harvester.

Last year, when he used the combine harvester to cut and thresh his crop, Mr. Strang's threshing bill was cut in half, the cost from the time when the standing wheat was cut in the field to the wagon box being 3 cents a bushel. At that time the attachments were not available. With the attachments the grain may be cut before it is dead ripe. The loss due to teams eating grain in the fields and the cost of harvest labor are largely eliminated by use of the combine machinery. Two men are required to run the combine.

U. S. CROP FIGURES

In the last issue of this periodical, the United States wheat crop forecast was given erroneously. The correct figures are: Winter wheat, 579,416,000 bushels; spring wheat 274,218,000 bushels, giving a total of 853,634,000 bushels for that country.

U.S. FARMERS INTERESTED

A. E. Pilkie, Canadian government agent at Omaha, Nebraska, in acknowledging the receipt of Pool literature, says, "It is very essential that we should have this literature as farmers going to Canada are very much interested in the marketing of wheat, et cetera, and as our Wheat Pool has done so much for the Western Canadian farmer it is a good talking point for us to the prospective settler."

ALBERTA WILLS ACT PROCLAIMED

The Wills Act passed by the last session of the Alberta Legislature has been proclaimed and is now in effect. It provides for three classes of wills which will be considered as valid, namely, those signed and attested in the usual way, holograph wills wholly in the handwriting of the testator with or without witness, and wills of members of the naval, military, air or marine forces.

The Act includes a provision that every will shall be revoked by the marriage of the testator except where it is declared in the will that such marriage is contemplated or where the will is made in exercise of a power of appointment and the property thereby appointed would not in default of such appointment pass to the heir.

News from Alberta Wheat Pool Head Office

Information for Members and Locals Issued by the Department of Education and Publicity of the Alberta Wheat Pool.

PREMIER BALDWIN AND THE WHEAT POOLS

Premier Stanley Baldwin, in a speech delivered at Lincoln, England, referred to his coming visit to Canada. The speaker said:

"I am going to participate in the celebration of the Diamond Jubilee of Confederation there, and I may add, my own diamond jubilee too." (Premier Baldwin was born on August 3, 1867).

"I wonder how many of you have followed what the farmers of Canada have done," said Mr. Baldwin. "For years they were 'monkeyed about' by dealers and speculators in wheat, but in less than five years the market methods in Western Canada have been revolutionized and depression has given place to optimism. That is one reason why I am going there. I want to be among the optimists for a week or two.

"All this has been done by the farmers themselves. Confronted by the slump following the post-war boom, they consulted together and formed a Pool of the great wheat producing Provinces and this Pool was governed by the farmers.

"They disposed of 212,000,000 bushels of grain grown on 14,000,000 acres of land, or 70 per cent of the total crop of the whole Dominion.

"That gigantic effort by self-help and hard work saved thousands of Canadian farmers from disaster.

"A movement like this has its critics, but it is authoritatively claimed for it that it prevented the glutting of the market, smoothed out the prices and ruled out the unnecessary middleman."

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BABSON'S OPINION ON THE FARMERS' BUSINESS METHODS

Roger W. Babson, widely known as a statistician and observer of business trends, who visited Calgary a few days ago, recently gave his views on "What is wrong with farming." The views given were the result of observations upon conditions in Western United States.

Mr. Babson said that in his opinion the farmer indulges himself in too much individualism and too little community effort. Every other business in the country has either a corporate or associational organization. This tends to the distribution of successful methods for the entire group and puts control of production in the hands of the consumer.

Only agriculture insists on practising the theory of pure democracy in production and cuts its ownership of the fruit of its labors at harvest. No other productive business allows the dealer or broker to fix the price of its products: only the farmer takes what is offered whether profitable or not.

Organized agriculture would not long submit to this system and yet less than ten per cent of the farmers of the United States are organized! Besides, it is next to impossible to apply any farm remedies unless the farmers are either organized or licensed.

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DRIVE INDICATES HEALTHY FEELING IN MEMBERSHIP

How is the drive going?

That question was asked many times by visitors to our Wheat Pool booth at the Calgary Exhibition.

Mr. H. W. Wood was asked the same question and here is his answer:

"While the progress of the drive is not spectacular, it is progressing very satisfactorily indeed. A healthy, normal condition among the members is indicated."

The task of securing the sign-up of the Second Series contracts commenced about a month ago. The machinery for putting over the drive had to be built up and set in motion. Now you all know that this has been the wettest crop year we have had for a long time. Seeding was delayed, spring work had to be crowded, roads have been bad, and time has been precious, yet with all really splendid results have been obtained, and there is yet over a year to go.

We are not making public the figures regarding the new sign-up at the present time. This policy was decided before the drive commenced. We find that opposing interests are constantly on the alert to pick up crumbs of information in order that mole hills may be magnified into mountains. The successes being obtained by the majority of our canvassers would afford them very few crumbs of comfort, 'tis true, but they are adept at twisting things to suit their own ends.

Here is one request we are making to canvassers: send in the signed contracts you have on hand. A number of canvassers have advised us that they are holding completed renewals until they can finish the work of canvassing their districts. We ask you canvassers not to follow this policy but to send in the contracts as they come in.

The present period is usually a slack time of the year for our head office staff and we are endeavoring to handle the extra work in connection with the new sign-up at this time if possible. It will greatly facilitate matters if Pool members who have not as yet signed Second Series contracts, will do so at once and hand them to the official canvasser for the district, or forward directly to head office. Many canvassers have been delayed in their work through no fault of their own. Several official canvassers told us last week that they have found it simply impossible to get around their districts because of the impassable roads. One canvasser went around on horseback and another on foot. Members can help a lot by not waiting to be called upon.

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WHEAT BOARD TO BE WOUND UP THIS FALL

A news despatch from Ottawa states that the Wheat Board is to be wound up this fall. On and after Sept. 1, 1926, no participation certificates will be paid. When the board wound up its work and made its final report it turned over a balance of $560,000 of unclaimed money.

It will be interesting to members to know that in the handling of $135,000,000 during the years 1923, 1924 and 1925 the Alberta Wheat Pool has an undistributed balance of only $18,785. In 1923 the gross turnover was approximately $40,000,000. The system was not perfected then and $14,000 was left undistributed. In 1924 the turnover was about $55,000,000 and the undistributed balance $333.00. In 1925 the turnover was about $80,000,000 and the balance left $1,450. With the exception of the 1923 records, we have definite knowledge as to whom undistributed amounts are due, and every effort is being made to have deliveries properly identified and payments distributed.

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TRUE DEFINITION OF THE WHEAT POOL

What is the Wheat Pool?

John Gillespie, a prominent Edmonton grain man, in a letter to a local daily newspaper, defined his idea of the Pool thus:

"After all the Wheat Pool is a business organization competing for the wheat of the farmers."

That is the idea the grain trade tries to inculcate. It is not correct.

The Wheat Pool is the farmer selling his own wheat. That is a true and correct definition of the Pool.

There is a great gulf fixed between the objectives of the Wheat Pool and of the Grain Trade.

The Wheat Pool centres every effort in getting more money for its members' wheat.

The primary object of the Grain Trade is to secure profits.

Mr. Gillespie's letter was written as a protest against the use of the sentence in a Pool advertisement that "Outside the Grain Trade the Pools have no enemies."

It is quite possible that Mr. Gillespie, himself, is free from enmity against the Pools, yet he cannot but admit that certain members of the Grain Trade have carried on a pernicious campaign of anti-Pool propaganda for many months, much of which is deliberate misrepresentation.

Apart from the opposition of these men, the Wheat Pools have met with friendly sympathy and encouragement from almost every source.

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The High River Times says: "The great benefits which this organization (The Wheat Pool) has so far exemplified in its initiative term is sufficient guarantee for the continuation of the existing contracts in the form of renewals, and we look for an immediate favorable response in this district."

$27,000,000 Distributed to Pool Farmers in Second Interim Payment

Payment is 15 Cents per Bushel on High Grades, 10 Cents on Some of Lower and 20 Cents on Durum

On Saturday, July 23rd, the Alberta Wheat Pool mailed 40,000 odd cheques to its members. This is the second interim payment for the 1926 crop. The payment is 15c per bushel on the high grades of wheat, 10c per bushel on some of the lower grades and 20c a bushel on Durum. The second interim payment of 20c per bushel on most of the Durum grades and Durum mixtures places this wheat on a level with the bread wheats. The initial payment on Durum was 90c per bushel, whereas the initial payment for other wheats was $1.00 per bushel. The second interim payment of 20c per bushel on Durum wheats makes the payment to date $1.30, basis Vancouver, which is the same as has been paid for No. 1 Northern Spring, basis Vancouver.

The total sum paid on the second interim payment by the three Provincial Pools is over $27,000,000.00, $6,500,000.00 going to Alberta farmers. Saskatchewan's share is $17,825,000.00 and Manitoba's share is $2,700,000.00.

E. B. Ramsay, Secretary of the Central Selling Agency, announced on July 23rd the following initial prices, basis Fort William, for the 1927 crop year:

1 Northern Wheat	$1.00 per bushel
1 Durum Wheat	$1.00 per bushel
2 C.W. Oats	.34 per bushel
3 C.W. Barley	.90 per bushel
1 N.W. Flax	1.50 per bushel
2 C.W. Rye	.70 per bushel

These initial prices were set by the Directors of the Central Selling Agency at the last meeting of the Board.

The distribution of the $6,500,000.00 to Alberta farmers at this time when they are making preparations to harvest a bumper crop, brings out very strikingly one of the chief advantages of the Wheat Pool plan—the orderly distribution of payments. Prior to the inauguration of the Wheat Pool, farmers received the total payment for their crops in the fall of the year and, in most cases, the money was all spent before the following summer. Under the old plan of marketing farmers generally harvested their crop with borrowed money; under the Pool plan most of them will pay cash for their twine and machinery.

The final payment on the 1926 crop will be made as soon as the remainder of the wheat is sold and the accounts settled for the year. In all probability the final payment will come during, or immediately after, the harvesting season.

Weekly Papers Support Wheat Pool

The publishers of the weekly newspapers in the towns and villages of Alberta live close to the farm population of this Province. These newspaper folks are in intimate touch with farm conditions and are usually keenly sympathetic to every genuine movement that seeks to better the economic conditions on Alberta farms.

The whole-hearted way in which the great majority of country weekly publishers support the Alberta Wheat Pool is based on the generous contribution the Pool has made towards the returning wave of prosperity to rural Alberta. They have reached the conclusion that the operations of the Wheat Pool have resulted in greater financial returns to the farmers for their grain, and more contentment and satisfaction in Alberta farm homes.

Council Sympathy with Pool

Many letters from country weekly newspaper editors have been received at the head office of the Wheat Pool, expressing their complete sympathy with the movement. Quite a few of the newspapers have come out strongly for the Pool in their columns.

For instance, the *High River Times*, published by Charles Clark for the past twenty years, says: "The great benefits which the Wheat Pool has so far exemplified in its initial term is sufficient guarantee for the continuation of the existing contracts, in the form of renewals, and we look for an immediate favorable response in this district."

Pool Makes Business Better

H. W. Betts, publisher of the *Hughenden Record*, the *Czar Clipper* and the *Amisk Advocate*, says he does not think that any business man should dispute the right of the farmer to conduct his own business. Mr. Betts finds business getting better and gives credit to the Wheat Pool to a very considerable extent. He believes that the method of payment is a good thing, and finds that the farmers are feeling more satisfied and settling down to business in a way they never did before when they got all their money in a lump sum and had to live on credit for the rest of the year.

"Sign for Profit"

The *Innisfail Province* (Ben Huckell, publisher) says that any farmer who has made a study of the Wheat Pool movement must be satisfied that it is working for the benefit of every member. Sign up, not only for safety, but for personal profit, the *Province* says.

Mrs. A. H. Edwards, of Pincher Creek, the only woman newspaper publisher in Alberta, as far as we know, is giving the support of the *Pincher Creek Echo* to the Pool. "We are proud of the fact that one of our local men, Mr. Stephen Lunn, was one of the Wheat Pool's first supporters," Mrs. Edwards says.

Charles W. Fredericks, who publishes two newspapers in the Peace River country (the *Peace River Record* and the *Grande Prairie Herald*) makes a feature of Wheat Pool news. Evidently he finds the Peace River farmers intensely interested in the Pool, for Mr. Fredericks goes to a lot of trouble to keep the Pool news before his readers.

Cameron Opinion

Coming back to Cameron, where that excellent weekly newspaper, *The Canadian*, is published, we find the publisher, F. J. Slight, heart and soul with the Wheat Pool. Here's what Mr. Slight says: "This paper realizes that prosperity for the farmer means prosperity for the urban centres, and the Wheat Pool, we believe, will help materially to bring to the agriculturists of Alberta, this prosperity; or at least a margin between profit and loss."

He is a Pool Member

From Camrose to Cardston, "The Temple City," is a long jump, but this tour of Alberta is being taken in a haphazard manner. At Cardston, the *News* looks after the newspaper requirements of the countryside in a capable manner. The editor and manager, D. O. Wight, not only gives moral support to the Wheat Pool, but is himself a member. The farmers are entitled to handle their own produce and undoubtedly the Pool has stabilized prices, Mr. Wight says.

Another Pool Member

Another publisher who is a Wheat Pool member is Wilbur DeWolfe, publisher of the *Consort Enterprise*. He is a constant supporter of the Pool in his newspaper, having been a member from the start.

The *Bulletin*, published by J. Howard Nesbitt, at Brooks, in the C.P.R. Eastern Irrigation block, finds Pool news to be of interest to farm readers. The *Bulletin* believes that the fundamental principles underlying the Wheat Pool movement are economically sound, and the added benefits of the operations of the Pool will be reflected throughout Alberta.

Ed. L. Stone, president of the Alberta Press Association, who publishes the *Redcliff Review*, is one of the strongest supporters that the Alberta Wheat Pool has, and his newspaper is constantly urging general support of the movement.

Farmer Should Be Business Man

The *Coronation Review* is a firm believer in and supporter of the Alberta Wheat

Pool, the editor, A. Jenson, states, and gives it as his opinion that the sooner the farmer becomes a business man, the sooner will permanent prosperity return to Western Canada. Sound logic in that!

Vulcan is noted for the volume of wheat shipped from that little prairie city. Harry Nelson, the editor of the *Vulcan Advocate*, is also known as a public-spirited citizen. Through the *Advocate*, Mr. Nelson gives the Pool every support.

Cooper's Views

S. R. F. Cooper, publisher of the *Vermilion Standard*, has some decided opinions on The Alberta Wheat Pool. Here they are:

"My sympathies, long before any co-operative action was formulated by agriculturists, was decidedly with the position the farmer occupied as a producer in dumping his output on the market as an individual, often at great loss to himself—having no alternative under the then prevailing conditions. I advocated a fixed price for wheat on a food value basis. . . . I believe in the Wheat Pool and wish it all success."

St. Paul Journal

The St. Paul *Journal*, published by G. LaRue, possesses the unique feature of being published partly in French and partly in English. It is an enterprising little journal, and caters to a wide territory. The publisher not only supports the Wheat Pool in the columns of his newspaper, but frequently addresses meetings of farmers in the interests of the Pool. He also is industrious in securing contracts.

The Youngstown district is noted for being strong for the Pool movement, and, as might be expected, the *Youngstown Plaindealer* is very friendly to the co-operative wheat selling plan. E. C. Quick, the publisher, constantly boosts the Pool in his newspaper.

Salvation of Western Farmer

Listen to this from H. T. Taylor, publisher of the *Mannville News*: "We think the Wheat Pool will be the salvation of the Western farmer, and support it in every way possible for that reason." Nothing half-hearted about that.

Empress Viewpoint

Empress is on the extreme eastern border of Alberta. The *Express* is the Empress newspaper and it is published by Alfred Hankin. Mr. Hankin is not hesitant at all about expressing his favorable opinion of the Wheat Pool. "Since its inception the Pool has appealed to me as being largely responsible for the betterment of conditions among Western farmers," he says, "and incidentally, among communities. Personally I have the most friendly feelings towards the Pool and believe the prosperity of Western Canada depends upon its functioning efficiently."

George Gordon, the publisher of the *Ponoka Herald*, is an editor who takes a deep interest in the farming community in which his newspaper circulates. He is a firm believer in the Alberta Wheat Pool and always has a good word to say about the organization.

This article would be incomplete without acknowledging friendly letters and proffers of support and co-operation from many other weekly newspaper editors, including: Robert Smith, publisher of the *Chinook Advance*; E. Taylor, of the *Peace River Record*; the *Olds Gazette*; J. McKibbon, of the *Delia Times*; B. J. Burns, of the *Bashaw Star*; C. L. Dunford, of the *Open News*; D. C. Peterson, of the *Raymond Recorder*; C. H. Leathley, of the *Three Hills Capital*; John W. Johnston, of the *Alliance Times*; and many others.

DELIVERY CHECKING COUPONS

A considerable number of Pool members have not sent in all their delivery checking coupons on wheat delivered to the 1926 Pool. Please forward all coupons to the Wheat Pool office, Calgary, at once, for checking against deliveries in preparation for distribution very shortly of a Second Interim Payment on 1926 deliveries.

Pool Elevators

All Points Which Have Reasonable Deliveries Will Ultimately Be Served

It is true that there are many Wheat Pool members who are somewhat disappointed this year because a Wheat Pool elevator is not being built or acquired in their district. A few are delaying signing the Second Series contracts for that reason. We believe that these few will re-consider their position, and recognize that the true spirit of co-operation demands the subservience of the individual for the benefit of the whole body.

It is a fact that a Wheat Pool elevator located at a shipping point is a wonderful thing for the grain producers of that locality. It means fair weights, fair treatment, good service at cost, and the overcoming of the large overage evil. Furthermore, other elevators at that point are on the alert to give service they probably never gave before, and to do their best to outdo the Pool elevator. Of course they wouldn't be doing all this if the Pool elevator was not there, and the farmers know this fact well. At least, they should, after their many years' experience.

MORE NEW ELEVATORS IN 1928

Now the Alberta Wheat Pool is not going to stop building elevators after this year. Next year will see another big "batch" of Pool elevators lifting their tall roofs towards the blue Alberta sky. The advancing years will see the Pool represented at every shipping point where sufficient Pool wheat is being delivered to justify the presence of the elevator.

So we counsel a little patience to those who are fulminating against their own organization because they are not getting a Pool elevator this year. We know they are anxious to get out from under the regime of the Grain Trade, but not signing a Second Series contract will get them nowhere. These contracts are needed to insure the life of the Pool method; to insure the continuance of the extensive elevator programs each year; to place the farmer on a business basis and to give him a voice in the selling of the grain he has worked so hard to produce,—toiling in the fall and spring and battling with the pests which damage his crop and enduring the vicissitudes of the weather.

Pool elevators are being built where the most Pool wheat is delivered. That is the general rule covering this year's program. Surely that must appeal to the average member as a sensible basis to work upon—a reasonable and right policy. As elevator funds accumulate the building policy will be enlarged, as we mentioned previously, and ultimately all the shipping points which have reasonable deliveries of Pool wheat will have Pool elevators.

QUEENSTOWN POOL ELEVATOR

Bow Valley *News* (Queenstown item): Mr. Voss, who has the contract for the building of the Pool elevator at this point, was in town last week making arrangements for gravel for its foundations.

POOL ELEVATOR FOR BINDLOSS

The Pool Elevators Ltd. arranged for the purchase of the Victoria elevator at Bindloss. This point was on a previous list, but latterly was taken off and placed on the provisional list. Then it was decided to purchase an elevator at this point, which is a strong Pool point.

LOOKS FOR GOOD SIGN-UP

Gus. E. Malchow, of Stavely, writes that there are quite a few new members coming into the Pool. He says: "They had the experience of out-of-the-Pool marketing and watching us, and think the Pool is all right. I believe that before any of the 1928 crop moves we will have a 75 per cent sign-up."

TO PRINT POOL CONTRACTS IN FRENCH AND UKRAINIAN

The decision was made at a recent meeting of the board of directors of the Alberta Wheat Pool, to print contracts in French and Ukrainian languages. This move was made in response to a strong demand on the part of farmers speaking these languages. Contracts have heretofore been printed in English exclusively. There are parts of Alberta where farmers signed the contract without being able to interpret the language in which it was printed.

CANADA LARGEST EXPORTER

Canada is the largest wheat exporting country in the world by a very considerable amount. A recent compilation issued by the Canadian Bureau of Statistics shows that in 1926 Canada's wheat exports totalled 322,000,000. This was nearly double the figures of wheat exports from the United States. The five leading wheat exporting countries in the world, in 1926, were:

Canada 322,000,000 bushels; United States 185,000,000 bushels; Argentina 48,000,000 bushels; India 11,000,000 bushels; Australia 8,000,000 bushels.

The exporting countries produced a surplus of 800,000,000 bushels.

AGRICULTURE EMPLOYS MOST CANADIANS

The last Federal census shows that more people were employed in agriculture in Canada than in any other industry.

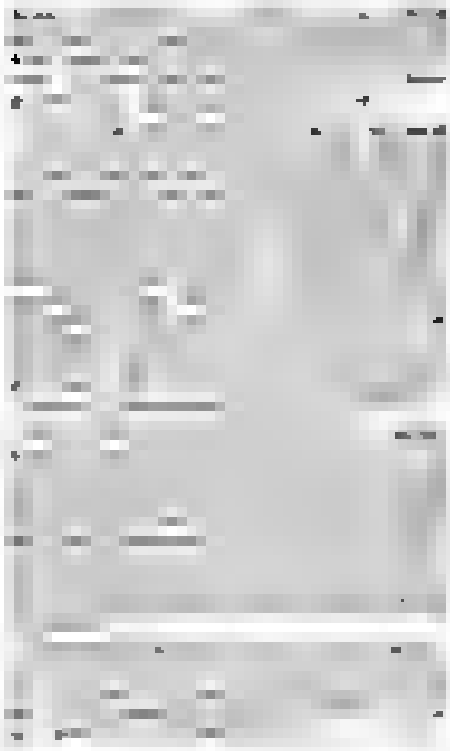
Agriculture gave employment to 1,681,618 people and manufacturing came next with 540,657.

There were 3,173,100 persons over ten years of age gainfully employed in Canada according to the last census. Of this number 2,683,019 were men and 490,150 were women.

Employment in Canada was divided into three groups roughly equal in size. The primary industries—agriculture, logging, fishing and trapping and mining and quarrying—gave employment to 1,161,788 persons. The secondary group—manufacturing, transportation and construction—employed 999,951 persons. The third group—trade, finance, professional, clerical and domestic service—gave employment to 1,011,430 persons.

News of the Drive for the New Series of Wheat Pool Contracts

Wheat Pool Diverts Wealth to Farm Homes of Western Canada



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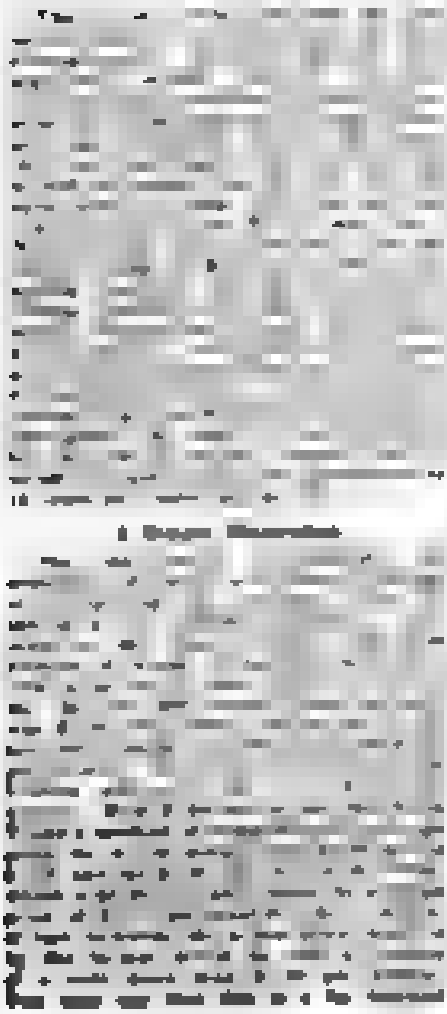

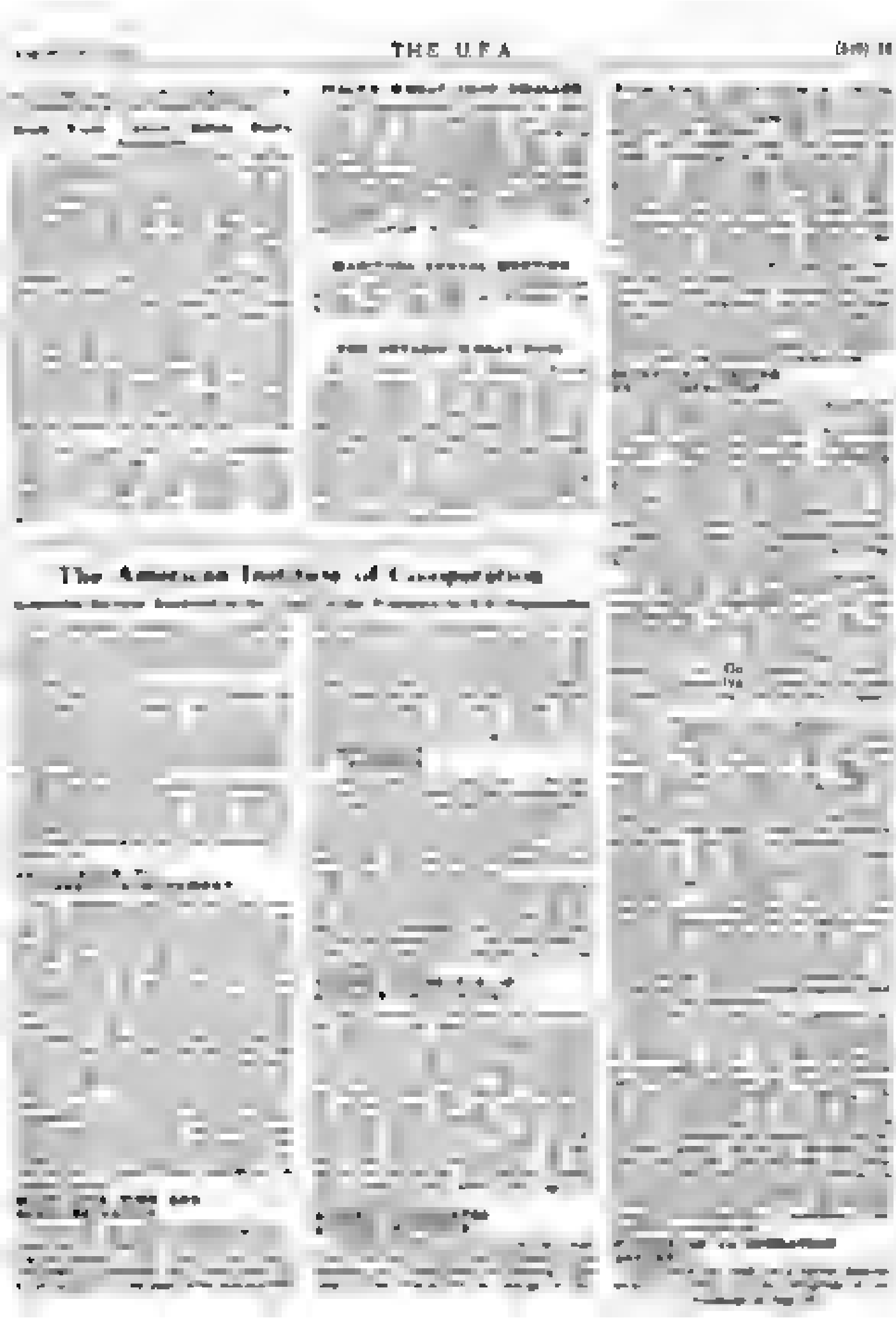

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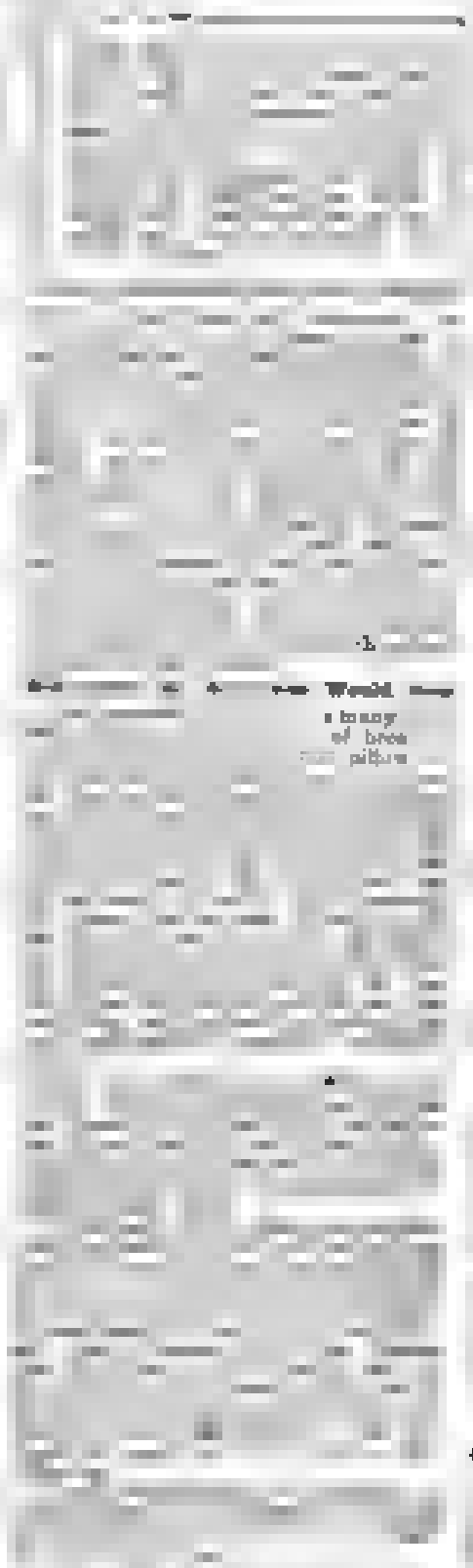

office for the purchase of flowers, it having been the custom in the past for the executive or Board as the occasion arises to go into their own pockets for the money necessary for remembrances.

Mrs. Dawson in her convention report brought this matter to the attention of the Olds Local. Our Locals all know the necessity for "Flower Funds" and contribute freely toward them.

The Olds Local suggests a Central Flower Fund to which each Local that desires to do so may have the privilege of contributing. The fund is to be at the disposal of the Executive for kindly remembrances to members and friends of the U.F.W.A. for our ordinary Local funds does not reach. This is something in which we all have a part.

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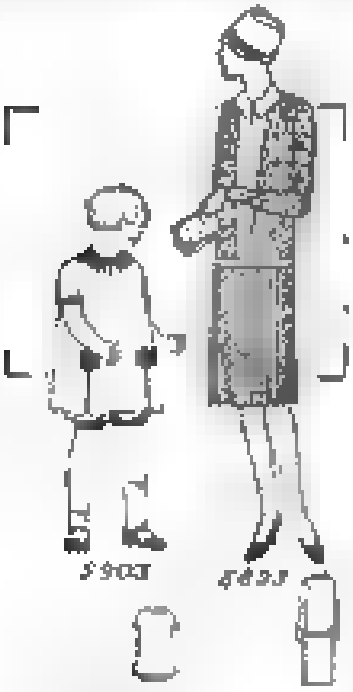

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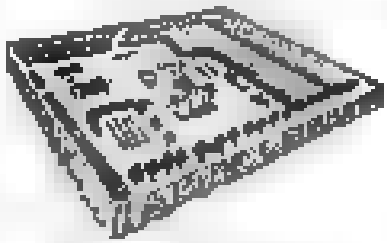

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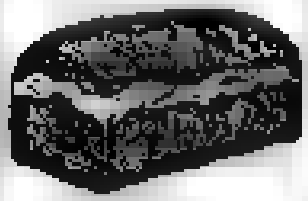

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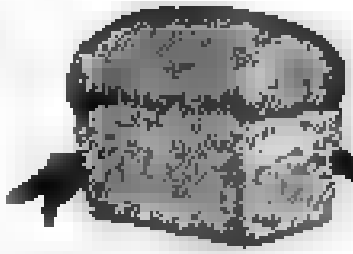

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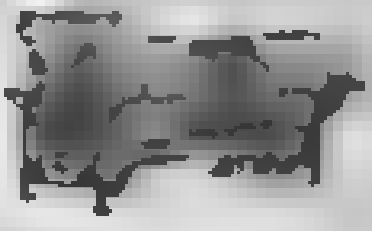

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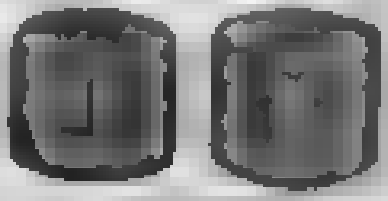

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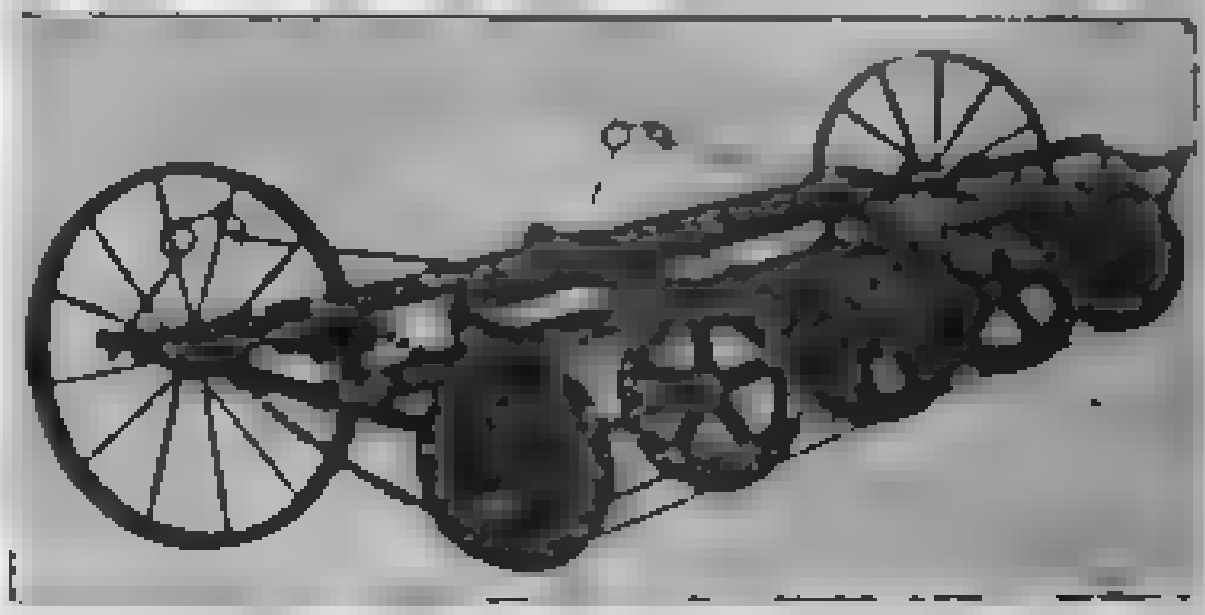

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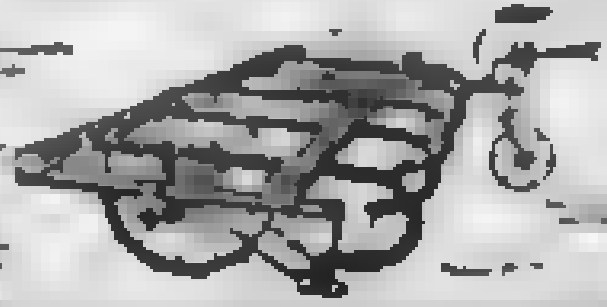

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home in the U.S.A. During the afternoon Mrs. Driver was presented with a wrist watch, as a token of regard and esteem, from old friends and neighbors.

Our vice-president, Mrs. Field, paid us a visit on July 13th. Members of several Locals were present at this meeting. Mrs. Field, who is Convener of public health, also a member of the Provincial Committee on health, presented her subject in a most pleasing manner. Much first-hand information in regard to the governmental institutions of the Province was included in the address.

On July 22nd a barn dance was held on the premises of B.F. Kiser, adjoining town, where more than 300 people gathered to "trip the light fantastic" in the large modernly equipped barn just completed.

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Annual U.F.A. Conference on Federal Affairs

The report of the U.F.A. Conference on Federal Affairs, held in Calgary on July 9th, is concluded below from our last issue:

Discussion on the subject of the natural resources was opened by G. G. Coote, M.P. It was understood, he said, that the question of the disputed Section 17 would go to the privy council. So long as the question was before the courts members were unable to discuss it in Parliament.

Need for Joint Discussion

Mr. Coote pointed out that in this matter of the Resources both the Provincial Government and the Federal members were called upon to bear responsibility, and it was desirable that there should be the most thorough discussion between them and the U.F.A. Executive. As to the Spray Lakes matter, he believed that the area that would be affected by the development of this power scheme should be left out of the National park and then transferred to the Province.

Hon. George Hoadley participated in the discussion as Acting Premier. He pointed out that if the Dominion Government should grant the Calgary Power Company a franchise for the development of Spray Lakes power, a great and powerful vested interest would be created which would be difficult to control in the interests of the public. Such an unwise disposition of a valuable portion of the public domain would cost the people many millions of dollars in time to come. If the Alberta Government were given control of the rights of power development, the people's interest would be paramount.

Briefly tracing the history of the Natural Resources issue from the days of the Hudson Bay Company to the present, Robert Gardiner, M.P., declared that the sole issue was the right of Alberta to equality with the older Provinces in Confederation. There had been much discussion of Canada's right to equality within the Empire but the right of Alberta to equality in the Dominion also needed to be upheld. Mr. Gardiner cited reasons for the belief that these rights can be established. He believed that a vigorous fight should be made before the Privy Council to establish them. It was there, rather than in dealings with the Ottawa Government, that the issue must be cleared up.

Mr. Lucas declared that the question was essentially one of Provincial rights.

On motion of William Irvine, M.P., and H. Critchlow, the Conference then adopted the resolution printed in our last issue, recommending that a Conference on the Natural Resources question be held between the Alberta Government and the Federal members before the next session of Parliament.

Co-operation at Ottawa

Mr. Irvine was called upon to open a discussion on the subject of co-operation between the members of the U.F.A. group at Ottawa. The discussion was participated in by Messrs. Aitken, Luchkovich, Coote, Young, Kellner and President Wood, and showed that increasing success has been met with in the application of the principles laid down by the Annual Convention.

That the Conference was convinced of the soundness of the policy laid down by the Annual Convention in reference to the subject of Immigration was clearly shown in the course of a discussion led by Mr. Lucas, and participated in by Messrs. Lunn, Hoadley, Reid, Mrs. Hepburn and others. After referring to the difficulties encountered since the Hutterite colony was brought into the south country, Mr. Lunn voiced a vigorous protest against this kind of group settlement. Mr. Hoadley described the repeated representations made by the Alberta Government in connection with this matter and against the bringing in of men by the railways from Central Europe in excess of the power of the country to absorb them.

At the request of the conference, Mr. Coote described very briefly the advantages which would accrue from the establishment of a Federal Bank of Rediscount. This matter was then referred to the Banking and Credit Committee of the U.F.A. Central Board for further discussion.

After D. M. Kennedy, M.P., had outlined the work done by the U.F.A. members at Ottawa in pressing for action upon the Peace River outlet to the Pacific, the Conference, on motion of Mr. Burnell, adopted the resolution quoted in the issue of July 15th, urging the Dominion Government to take steps to develop this outlet.

Alberta Coal Policy

K. J. Garland, M.P., who has since his election in 1921 devoted much attention to the problem of securing an outlet for Alberta coal in the East, was called upon to lead the discussion on this subject, and the resolution previously printed in this paper, urging the Railway Commissioners to expedite the presentation of the report on the Alberta coal rate case was then adopted.

The Athabasca Election Scandal

Discussing the Athabasca Election scandal, D. F. Kellner, M.P., stated that action had been taken in Parliament by the U.F.A. members, following the presentation of Mr. Justice Clarke's report on the irregularities committed during the election of 1925. Mr. Kennedy had moved that the report be referred to the Committee on Privileges and Elections and this had been done, but it was found impossible throughout the session to obtain a quorum of the members of the committee, for what reason Mr. Kellner did not know. He had recommended that civil servants who had been proved to have been guilty of flagrant dishonesty in connection with this election should be discharged, but such men were still in the public service, the Postmaster General having refused to discharge them. The inquiry had not gone far enough to insure that future elections would be conducted honestly. It was a serious matter, also, that when grave offenses had been committed, it should be left to one of the candidates in the election to take action.

The Conference unanimously adopted a resolution requesting the U.F.A. members to urge Parliament to refer this matter to the Committee on Privileges and Elections next session, and also urging that action be taken against all persons charged with corrupt practices in connection with elections.

A resolution opposing any reduction in the Dominion grant to the Canada Seed Growers' Association was adopted on motion of Mr. Young.

Mr. Kellner voiced a complaint against the Conferences on Federal affairs always being held in Calgary, which was not the most convenient place for many people in the northern part of the Province. Mr. Schofield explained that the Board had decided that the Conference should be held at a time that would coincide with the summer Board meeting whenever possible, and therefore to hold them in Calgary obviated considerable expense.

U.F.A. CENTRAL BOARD

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circular form will be discontinued, and the columns of *The U.F.A.* will be used instead, in order that all members may be able to study them as the basis for discussion at their meetings.

A letter suggesting that the Association make a donation or further advance towards the cost of the St. Albert election case was read and it was reported that a loan to the St. Albert U.F.A. district association had been made when the case first came up. Following discussion the following resolutions were adopted, on motion of Messrs. Lunn and Hanson:

(1) "Notwithstanding the fact that a certain amount has been loaned to the St. Albert Constituency Association in connection with their election protest, we, the Board of Directors of the U.F.A. accept no responsibility whatever in this case and are unable to make any further advance in this connection."

(2) "Whereas, the fundamental principle of political action in deciding to put a candidate in the field and of financing the campaign is based upon the autonomy of the Constituency Association, whose sole duty it is to nominate the candidate and conduct the election campaign, therefore, in the opinion of this Board, if protest of election for any cause is entered upon, then it is the duty and responsibility of the Constituency Association to decide upon same and raise the necessary funds to conduct the case in the courts of law;

"Be it resolved, that in the event of a request being made by any of the constituency associations for any financial help in connection with an election protest, no action shall be taken by the Board or Executive until the whole case has been investigated by a competent lawyer engaged by the Association."

DIDSBURY CONVENTION POSTPONED TO AUGUST 18th

To U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Locals,
Didsbury Provincial Constituency.

The Annual Convention of the U.F.A. and U.F.W.A. Didsbury Provincial Constituency Association has been postponed on account of the bad condition of the roads from July 27th to Thursday, August 18th. The Convention will be held at Didsbury at 1 p.m. sharp.

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